

MICHIGAN TRUCK SAFETY COMMISSION **MTSC**

May 13, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present

Dr. Dan Blower, Chair
Tim Yungfer, Vice Chair
Sharon Conklin
Dave Goller
Walter Heinritzi
Capt. Mike Krumm
Charles Moser
Tom O'Brien
Michael Prince
Robert Ramels

Commissioners Absent

Fred Bueter

Guests

Al Newell, Center for Truck Safety
Michelle Zemla, Center for Truck Safety
Chuck Simmons, Center for Truck Safety
Ron Edwards, Michigan Center for Truck Safety
Jami Trudelle, MDOT
Pat Muinch, FMCSA
John Wallace, FMCSA
Lt. Susan Fries, MSP CVED
Don Wilcutt, Brenner Oil
Keitha Cameron, MDOS
Pat Cawley, TIA
Jim Santilli, TIA

OHSP Staff

Kathy Farnum
Janet Hengesbach
Charlotte Kilvington
Heidi Ruis
Spencer Simmons

ROLL CALL

The Michigan Truck Safety Commission meeting was called to order by Dr. Dan Blower, Chair, at 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were made of those present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **MOTION** to accept the March 11, 2015 minutes was made by Captain Krumm and supported by Mr. Ramels. The **MOTION** carries.

STANDING REPORTS

A. Chair's Report – Dr. Dan Blower

Dr. Blower had hoped to talk about the National Truck Size and Weight study which concluded last fall. He indicated that the project has become an involved process thus far and they still need to get it accepted through Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. When it becomes available, he will give a report on the information that is included in the report.

Another item of interest is the 34 Hour Restart study which is part of Map-21. This is currently underway with the drivers recruited. Virginia Tech and University of Pennsylvania are the primary investigators and are very well respected in the area of traffic safety. He will report on the study when it becomes available.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Capt. Mike Krumm – Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division

On March 18, Governor Snyder signed an Executive Order which placed the MPSC under the Michigan State Police. This became official on May 15, so staff has begun moving to the HQ building. There was a positive article published in the Lansing State Journal recently regarding CVED. Reporters spent about three weeks researching CVED. The report highlights the lack of motor carrier officers in Michigan. Another item of note is the House Budget Committee recently recommended a budget without a motor carrier school while the Senate proposed a budget which would include a school that would graduate 16 motor carrier officers. More information to follow.

Walt Heinritz – Michigan Trucking Association

No report

Mike Prince – Office of Highway Safety Planning

OHSP recently distributed a news release on 2014 crash data. Since 2011, traffic crashes fell below 900 for the year. The goal is to have fatalities below 800 by 2016. There were declines in other areas such as alcohol involved crashes and drug involved crashes, but overall the number of crashes increased as well as CMV crashes.

The summer seat belt campaign has begun with enforcements kicking off on May 18. Monday, May 18 is 15th anniversary of the passage of the seat belt law. OHSP, this year, will fund seat belt enforcement in all 83 counties for the first time.

Bob Ramels - General Public

No report

Sharon Conklin – Private Motor Carriers

June is the National Inspection blitz. Memos usually go out the month before encouraging participation. This is no more disruptive of delivery schedules than usual.

Chuck Moser – Transportation Commission

Mr. Moser reported on how hard Proposal One fell among the citizens in Michigan. The Legislature has scheduled sessions for this coming summer to work on funding for roads.

Tom O'Brien – Michigan Community Colleges

No report

Tim Yungfer – General Public

No report

Dave Goller – Organized Labor

No report

B. Financial Report – Mr. Spencer Simmons

Mr. Simmons reviewed the most recent financial report ending April 30, 2015.

C. Enforcement Grant Activity Report – Lt. Susan Fries

Lt. Fries reported that the 2014 second quarter shows significantly increases in all areas other than parking enforcement. This reflects new activity and more officers on the road. CVED will be working with Mr. Newell to locate the simulator in locations around the state.

D. Education Grant Activity Report – Mr. Al Newell

Mr. Newell indicated that a new hire will be starting on June 1 to replace Mr. Ron Edwards at the MCTS. He is also interviewing for a position in the UP to replace Ms. Jan Charles. He and Mr. Chuck Simmons have been to eight companies and facilitated many demos. He also reported that he is looking at a new

phone system. The current system is 16-18 years old. MCTS staff has developed a new truck guide book which includes much useful information. Mr. Yungfer recognized Mr. Edwards for all of his hard work through the years.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. MTSC Strategic Plan RFP – Kathy Farnum/Charlotte Kilvington

****Dr. Blower recused himself from this discussion as UMTRI may submit a grant application for this project. If UNTRI should submit, Dr. Blower will not be part of that team. Mr. Yungfer, as vice chair, facilitated this portion of the meeting.**

Mr. Yungfer introduced Ms. Farnum and Ms. Kilvington to explain this project in further detail. Ms. Farnum explained that the MTSC Research, Evaluation, and Planning Committee have made changes to the RFP. This package of documents was sent to the commissioners in advance of this meeting. She explained the different attachments included in the RFP packet. The current MTSC Strategic Plan will expire in 2016. It was suggested that this time it be sent out to get some more in-depth information. When the proposals are received at OHSP, the RFP committee will review these proposals and return to the commission with a recommendation. The names of companies and/or research groups will be removed so these entities are not being identified during the evaluation of the proposals.

Mr. O'Brien made a **MOTION** to adopt this grant proposal package to be sent out to companies/universities. Mr. Ramels supported. The **MOTION** carries.

PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

- A. History of Purpose of Traffic Improvement Association (TIA)

Mr. Jim Santilli, Executive Director of TIA gave a presentation on the history of TIA and services they offer. In 1967, Oakland County had one of the highest fatality rates in the country. Because of this, a group of businessmen and other interested parties started the TIA. It is currently organized as a 501 c with an independent board.

One area they would expand into would be precision driving, specifically a teen driving track. Mr. Santilli suggested that his group could work with the MTSC to start up another skid pad. He reported that TIA tries to stay in and around Metro Detroit involving any engineering projects, but that their education programs take place throughout the state. He like to would he take on larger projects in the future. Those would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. MCDD Update

Mr. O'Brien updated the Commission members regarding his research for a new Decision driving training facility. The partnership with the Eaton Corp and the MCTS will end on July 31, 2015.

Through his research, Mr. O'Brien believes the Lansing area would serve as the best location for this training. He has researched potential properties including the Ingham County Fairgrounds in Mason, and the Ionia fairgrounds. Others that have shown interest include Montcalm Community College, and Consumers Energy in Muskegon. When he contacted reps at the Ingham County fairgrounds, they sounded interested in this kind of development. He suggested the Commissioners set up a meeting with the reps at Ingham County Fairgrounds.

Mr. Willcut suggested one of the old GM plants that are still standing in the Lansing area.

Mr. Prince suggested that an RFP complete with specs, size, how many students would be training etc. could be developed. Before we get to deep into this process, what does the industry really want. Best practices need to be considered as well.

Following discussion, OHSP would work with Mr. O'Brien as chair of the Michigan Center for Decision Driving to develop an RFP for presentation to the Commissioners during the July meeting.

Mr. O'Brien will continue to explore different locations for a skid pad facility in the future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Live Demo of Truck Simulator

Mr. Simmons reported that all of the software has been updated in the simulator. Everyone is invited to participate in the truck simulator following this meeting.

Mr. Newell reported there are going to be truck ads running in a couple of theatres in the Lansing area. They are "Be Smart Around Trucks" ads.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the MTSC is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.